



**Educational Technology Advisory Committee
Littleton Public Schools
Meeting Minutes
5-21-2008**

Chair: Jim Stephens Chair-Elect: Briggs Buckley CIO: Dan Maas

LOCATION: ESC

6:00 PM – Arrival

ETAC members networking and casual dialog

6:30 PM – Convene

Call to order: Mr. Jim Stephens, ETAC chair- called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Education Services Center in the Board Room.

Pledge of Allegiance

6:32 PM – Approval of Minutes

Review Minutes of April 30, 2008

Mr. Stephens asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of April 30, 2008. There were no motions for any changes.

Ms. Dayle Redman motioned to approve the Minutes of April 30, 2008 as presented.

Mr. Spencer Zeppelin seconds the motion to approve.

The committee was unanimously in favor of approving the minutes.

6:35 PM – Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Stephens asked if there were any suggestions or additions to the May 21st meeting agenda. The 6:50 p.m. review of the by-laws was scratched from the agenda. The review was deemed unnecessary at this time.

A 5 minute viewing of a student activity video that took place at Sandburg Elementary was added to the agenda.

The committee was unanimously in favor of approving the agenda with the proposed changes.

6:40 PM - Celebrate Our Successes- ETAC*

Nominations for the 2008-2009 Chair Elect (Chair of the committee in 2010-2011) took place. All non-employed LPS ETAC members were eligible. Mr. Matt Shankle was nominated and elected to be the chair elect by acclaim in 2008-2009.

The committee recognized departing ETAC members for their service on the committee.

The members who will be resigning are Mr. Troy Greenwood, Mr. Bill Reddig, and Mr.

Donovan O'Dell. Ms. Jesse Klekamp our graduating senior from Heritage High School will also be leaving the committee. Thanks so much to all of them for their time and efforts.

In addition, Mr. Briggs Buckley awarded Mr. Jim Stephens, the Chair person for 2007-2008 a trophy for his great work in leading the committee in its vision and goals this year. Mr. Buckley will fill the position of Chair for next school year.

The ETAC meeting calendar for 2008-2009 was presented and approved. The dates were sent to all committee members, and essentially the committee will continue to meet on the last Wednesday of each month. (with a few exceptions due to holidays.)

Locations for the meetings will be forthcoming.

7:05 PM – Discussion Items and Reports- BOE Liaison Renee Howell-

The LPS Board members attended all the High School graduations in addition to the special programs graduation including Transitions, Pathways and Options. Ms. Howell highlighted the positive impact these special programs can have on kids with special needs. Ms. Howell also thanked the ETAC committee for their valuable input and hard work this year.

A review of the 10 day late start (PLC) program revealed that people are aware when the late starts dates are being held, but the district needs to further relate to the community what is happening during the PLC times.

We have 5 schools that will be funded for full day kindergarten.

Mr. Matt Shankle suggested that perhaps an “exit interview” of seniors could be conducted to further understand what students thought of their experience in Littleton Public Schools, what did they get out of it, what could they use more or less of? Did you have a 21st century learning experience? How will they apply it in their lives? A discussion of perhaps tracking students into their careers was also considered.

7: 20 PM- Recommendations: Jim Stephens:

Mr. Stephens presented a question to the committee of “Why” Why do we think a 21st Century Learning experience should be incorporated into the district?

The committee split up into three groups and reported the following:

“Why do we need to "Modernize Instruction?”

*The real world happens on the Internet we need to bring it to our instruction and classroom.
The Modernize Instruction technologies will:*

- **Provide a bridge** to our teachers in the classroom, from paper style of teaching to electronic (projector, document camera). These technologies provide a logical first step to a teacher and will start a "snowball effect" for understanding how they can use technology to aid in their instruction in the classroom. Also these first technologies provide a significant ease of entry, a document camera just makes sense. *A classroom becomes the global portal for the learner.*
- **Provide a standard of equality** across the district, allowing the basic technology tools to be standardized in the classroom, meaning that students at different schools will not have different access, enabling teachers to move between schools easier, and for students transferring between schools to all have the same basic set of technology tools. We have pockets of excellence; level the playing field to eliminate the haves and have not's.
- **Extends collaboration with student and teachers and the world.** Thru use of the Internet can integrate blogs, wikis and other dialogs from authors (as we saw at Highlands I think) and even allow sharing between other classrooms.
- A majority of our students already have this **access** at home and it is even more important for the ones who don't have this access.
- **Improve Teacher Efficiency**, more time to focus on instruction due to having richer and easier ways to share information in the classroom.
- **Increase Information literacy and citizenship: RELEVANT TO THE REAL WORLD.** We are in danger of becoming irrelevant. Meaning how to use the internet including what sites to skip, when to question the accuracy of an article, fact vs. opinions, how to protect yourself) needs to start basically when they can learn to read.
- “Remedial in real life” not just college.
- There are “The New Basics” 86% of our kids have a computer and an ISP at home...do they have that much access at school?

Be positive with our message (inspire vs. fear; tie *heart* to the message) - this is the most

important!

- If we can't do this, kids will go elsewhere. (*choice*)
- Increased engagement: kids will be able to tell the story of the change in their learning
- We have always been a leader in the state, we need to continue to push ourselves and not only be a leader in the state but in the country and global workplace as well.
- Create a what and how evaluation plan. (and an after plan to prove we were correct)
- Create a glossary of terms

If we say we are providing a world class education here at LPS, we need to make sure we are providing a 21st Century World Class education. World Class for the 21st Century includes a 1:1 effort.

Announcements:

Mr. Dan Maas will be visiting China accompanying 16 AHS students and 6 parents. This trip is not sanctioned by the schools, but private citizen sponsored. Mr. Maas will visit 2 Chinese State schools, 2 International schools and a University of Medicine in China. In addition Mr. Maas also hopes to establish sisterhood school relationships with schools in China.

Follow Dan's most excellent adventure at: <http://china.littletonpublicschools.net>

The first meeting for ETAC next school year will be at the ESC on Wednesday, August 27th

8:30 PM – Adjournment

Minutes respectively submitted by: Gail Schillinger-Technology Support Specialist